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SUBJ: RESPONSE TO LETTER OF ROGER C. WESLEY

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1. EMBASSY OFFICERS DISCUSSED THENDOU ATTITUDE TOWARD THE CALVO DOCTRINE AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES ON AUG 15, 1974 WITH A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL CONSIDERED TO BE A LEADING SPECIALIST HERE ON INTERNATIONAL LAWS, DR. ALVARO ALVAREZ.

2. SPEAKING UNOFFICIALLY AND OFF-THE-RECORD, ALVAREZ STRESSED THAT URUGUAY HAS NEVER HAD AN INCIDENT ARISE WHICH WOULD TEST THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE CALVO DOCTRINE. HE ADDED FURTHER THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT CONDITIONS EXIST IN LATIN AMERICA TODAY WHICH WOULD MAKE THE DOCTRINE RELEVANT. CONSEQUENTLY THE SUBJECT IS OF ONLY ACADEMIC INTEREST HERE. HOWEVER, URUGUAY HAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE USE OF COMPULSORY ARBITRATION AND THE ICJ AS WELL AS ITS PREDECESSORS FOR SETTLEMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES. UNDER CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE 6 OF THE GOU CONSTITUTION, THE GOVERNMENT MUST PROPOSE IN ALL INTERNATIONAL TREATIES A PROVISION FOR ARBITRATION OR OTHER PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF ANY DISPUTES THEREUNDER.

3. THE EMBASSY IS NOT AWARE OF ANY SPECIFIC PROVISIONS IN URUGUAYAN LAWS WHICH EMBODY THE CALVO DOCTRINE CONCEPT.
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